

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONTGOMERY
COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE
BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755
ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

Present:	Annette S. Perkins	-Chair
	Doug Marrs	-Vice Chair
	Gary D. Creed	-Supervisors
	William H. Brown	
	Mary W. Biggs	
	James D. Politis	
	John A. Muffo	
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Angie Hill	-Financial & Management Services Director
	Marc Magruder	-Budget Manager
	Ruth Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Karen Edmonds	-Human Resources Director
	E. Randall Wertz	-Registrar
	Judy W. Kiser	-Assistant to the County Administrator
Absent:	B. Clayton Goodman, III	-County Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Perkins called the meeting to order.

INTO WORK SESSION

On a motion by Doug Marrs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. Registrar
2. Discussion of Advertised Tax Rate
3. Other

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Doug Marrs	None
William H. Brown	
Gary D. Creed	
Mary W. Biggs	
James D. Politis	
John A. Muffo	
Annette S. Perkins	

Montgomery County General Registrar and Electoral Board

E. Randall Wertz, General Registrar, introduced the members of the Electoral Board as follows: Cynthia Chappelka, Chairman, John Nowlin, Vice Chairman, and Dean Dowdy, Secretary.

Mr. Wertz made a presentation on the transition from the Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting system to optical scan voting machines with the ability to recount manually and conduct

post-election audits as required by legislation passed by the 2007 General Assembly. It is estimated that the cost to Montgomery County to switch to optical scan voting machines will be \$340,000 - \$620,800.

Discussion of Advertised Tax Rate

As Board members discussed an advertised tax rate, Supervisor Bill Brown said he would support advertising the tax rate at 75¢ (a 12¢ increase) per \$100 of the assessed value on real estate, which could be adjusted once the General Assembly makes a decision on the state budget. He pointed out that infrastructure needs of the County, such as the buildings housing the county garage, the animal control facilities, etc. would justify a 12¢ increase in the real estate tax rate. Supervisors Muffo, Biggs and Perkins indicated their support for an advertised tax rate of 75¢. Supervisor Annette Perkins reminded Board members of their obligation to see that county employees, which includes the Schools and the Sheriff's Office, to make a decent salary.

Supervisor Gary Creed pointed out that with the high rate of mortgage foreclosures around the country, an increase in real estate taxes will only make it harder for citizens to make their mortgage payments. Supervisor Doug Marrs said the 12% increase proposed to be advertised for the tax rate should be lowered somewhat, that a tax increase this high had not been considered during his time on the Board.

OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE

Gary D. Creed
Mary W. Biggs
William H. Brown
Doug Marrs
James D. Politis
John A. Muffo
Annette S. Perkins

NAY

None

NEW BUSINESS

Setting the Advertised Proposed Real Estate Tax Rate

R-FY-08-136 RESOLUTION SETTING THE ADVERTISED PROPOSED REAL ESTATE TAX RATE

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia hereby authorizes the County Administrator to advertise the proposed real estate tax rate at **75¢** per \$100 of the assessed valuation of real estate based on 100% on fair market value.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

William H. Brown
Mary W. Biggs
John A. Muffo
Annette S. Perkins

NAY

James D. Politis
Doug Marrs
Gary D. Creed

Authorization to Advertise Proposed FY 09 Budget as Recommended by the County Administrator

**R-FY-08-137
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE
ADVERTISING THE PROPOSED
FY 09 BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED BY
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by John A. Muffo and carried,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia hereby authorizes the County Administrator to advertise the proposed budget for FY 09 in the amount of **\$159,430,723** as recommended by the County Administrator.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Mary W. Biggs
John A. Muffo
Doug Marrs
William H. Brown
Annette S. Perkins

NAY

Gary D. Creed
James D. Politis

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned to March 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Annette S. Perkins
Chair

ATTEST: _____
B. Clayton Goodman, III
County Administrator